GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES TO MENTALLY RETARDED PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the mentally retarded people are neither provided with any financial protection nor any support for their livelihood;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of the various facilities being provided to such people by the Government at present;

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch various schemes to provide financial protection, proper livelihood and free medical aid to such people;

(e) whether the Government also proposes to set up mental health care centres on the lines of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Science (NIMHANS), Bellari, Karnataka in other States also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): As per information provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the Government of India, free treatment is provided to all persons including the children with disabilities in Government Hospitals. The National Trust for Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities is providing financial support to families who are willing to look after the health and livelihood needs of destitute and abandoned children with severe mental and multiple disabilities. The details of the scheme are available on the website of the National Trust (www.nationaltrust.org.in).

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.